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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ON U.S. VISIT

REF: KINGSTON 1116

1. FOREIGN MINISTER P J PATTERSON FINALLY SPOKE TO
PARLIAMENT ABOUT HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. HIS STATEMENT IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY (MARCH 15) WAS
FOLLOWED BY A PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. THE SALIENT POINTS OF HIS REMARKS IN PARLIAMENT WERE:

-- A JOINT TECHNICAL TEAM WILL VISIT KINGSTON
IN APRIL TO DETERMINE AREAS IN WHICH
ASSISTANCE MAY MOST EFFECTIVELY BE
EXTENDED. "...WE ARE DELIBERATELY PURSUING
THE ROUTE OF SELF RELIANCE BUT
THIS CANNOT MEAN DENYING OURSELVES
OF CRITICAL EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE.
WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT IT MUST
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BE COMPATIBLE WITH OUR OWN POLICIES:
IT MUST ASSIST IN OUR DEVELOPMENT PRO-
CESS AND MUST NOT PERPETUATE A STATE
OF ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE."

--JAMAICA'S DECISION TO AVOID DEVALUATION
WAS EXPLAINED TO SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL.
"... DEVALUATION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN

APPROPRIATE IN THE CONTEXT OF AN UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL OF SOME 23 PERCENT, AS THIS WOULD INCREASE PRICES, ESPECIALLY FOR FOOD, INCREASE UNEMPLOYMENT AND WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE PLACED AN INTOLERABLE BURDEN ON THE MOST DISADVANTAGED GROUPS IN THIS SOCIETY. OUR OWN MINISTRY OF FINANCE WILL, OF COURSE, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURSUING OUR OWN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IMF DIRECTLY."

--MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH THE EDITORIAL BOARDS OF NEWS PUBLICATIONS. " THE INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS IS ALMOST OVERBEARING AND SOME SEGMENTS OF IT HAVE SHOWN A MISUNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO.

" I CANNOT, OF COURSE, SAY THAT MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM WILL RESULT OVERNIGHT IN A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE IN REPORTING ON JAMAICA, BUT I BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE USEFUL AND SHOULD, OVER TIME, CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER APPRECIATION OF WHAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE."

3. IN HIS REMARKS TO THE PRESS, PATTERSON REPORTEDLY SAID, INTER ALIA:

-- TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAMAICA REMAINS IMPORTANT. " IT IS OUR BELIEF
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THAT AN IMPROVED CLIMATE OF UNDERSTANDING CAN PROVIDE A MARKED STIMULUS TO TRADE, INVESTMENTS AND TOURISM. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE REJECT THE DEPENDENCY SYNDROME AND HAVE BOLDLY OPTED FOR SELF-RELIANCE INSTEAD, BUT SELF-RELIANCE DOES NOT ENTAIL THAT ALL EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE IS UNWELCOME. IT MERELY INSISTS THAT ANY HELP WHICH IS MADE AVAILABLE SHOULD BE IN CONFORMITY WITH OUR OWN POLICIES AND MUST CONTRIBUTE IN A MEANINGFUL WAY TO OUR OWN DEVELOPMENT."

-- A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER MANLEY COULD TAKE PLACE "BETWEEN MAY OR JUNE THIS YEAR".
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